

(2) Natural gas fuel representative of commercial natural gas which will be generally available through retail outlets shall be used in service accumulation.

(3) Other natural gas fuels may be used for emission testing and service accumulation provided:

- (i) They are commercially available;
- (ii) Information, acceptable to the Administrator, is provided to show that only the designated fuel would be used in customer service; and
- (iii) Written approval from the Administrator of the fuel specifications must be provided prior to the start of testing.

(4) The specification range of the fuels to be used under paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(2) and (d)(3) of this section shall be reported in accordance with § 86.094-21(b)(3).

(e) *Liquefied petroleum gas-fuel.* (1) Liquefied petroleum gas-fuel used in evaporative emission testing and in service accumulation of liquefied petroleum gas-fueled vehicles shall be commercially available liquefied petroleum gas-fuel.

(i) Manufacturers shall recommend the liquefied petroleum gas-fuel to be used for testing and service accumulation.

(ii) The Administrator shall determine the liquefied petroleum gas-fuel to be used for testing and service accumulation.

(2) Other liquefied petroleum gas fuels may be used for testing and service accumulation provided:

- (i) They are commercially available;
- (ii) Information, acceptable to the Administrator, is provided to show that only the designated fuel would be used in customer service; and
- (iii) Written approval from the Administrator of the fuel specifications must be provided prior to the start of testing.

(3) The specification range of the fuels to be used under paragraphs (e)(1) and (e)(2) of this section shall be measured in accordance with ASTM D2163-91 and reported in accordance with § 86.094-21(b)(3).

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§ 86.1214-85 Analytical gases.

(a) *Analyzer gases.* (1) Gases for the hydrocarbon analyzer shall be:

- (i) Single blends of propane using air as the diluent; and
- (ii) Optionally, for response factor determination, single blends of methanol using air as the diluent.

(2) Fuel for the evaporative emission enclosure FID (or HFID for methanol-fueled vehicles) shall be a blend of 40 ±2 percent hydrogen with the balance being helium. The mixture shall contain less than 1 ppm equivalent carbon response. 98 to 100 percent hydrogen fuel may be used with advance approval by the Administrator.

(3) The allowable zero air impurity concentration shall not exceed 1 ppm equivalent carbon response.

(4) "Zero grade air" includes artificial "air" consisting of a blend of nitrogen and oxygen with oxygen concentrations between 18 and 21 mole percent.

(5) The use of proportioning and precision blending devices to obtain the required analyzer gas concentrations is allowable provided their use has been approved in advance by the Administrator.

(b) Calibration gases (not including methanol) shall be traceable to within one percent of NIST (formerly NBS) gas standards, or other gas standards which have been approved by the Administrator.

(c) Span gases (not including methanol) shall be accurate to within two percent of true concentration, where true concentration refers to NIST (formerly NBS) gas standards, or other gas standards which have been approved by the Administrator.

(d) Methanol in air gases used for response factor determination shall:

- (1) Be traceable to within ±2 percent of NIST (formerly NBS) gas standards, or other gas standards which have been approved by the Administrator; and

(2) Remain within ±2 percent of the labeled concentration. Demonstration of stability shall be based on a quarterly measurement procedure with a precision of ±2 percent (two standard deviations), or other method approved by the Administrator. The measurement procedure may incorporate multiple measurements. If the true concentration of the gas changes by more

than two percent, but less than ten percent, the gas may be relabeled with the new concentration.

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§ 86.1215-85 EPA heavy-duty vehicle (HDV) urban dynamometer driving schedule.

(a)(1) The EPA dynamometer driving schedule for heavy-duty vehicles is a 1060 second transient speed versus time cycle which is designed to simulate gasoline-fueled HDV operation in urban areas. A second by second listing of this schedule is given in appendix I(d) of this part. Thirty-three percent of the cycle is idle operation, and the average vehicle speed is 18.9 mph (30.4 km/hr). The Administrator will use this driving schedule when conducting evaporative emission tests, as described in § 86.1230-96.

(2) For evaporative emission testing of heavy-duty vehicles a manufacturer may optionally use the dynamometer driving schedule for light-duty vehicles and light-duty trucks specified in appendix I(a) of this part. This driving schedule may not be used for exhaust emissions testing of heavy-duty vehicles. If the manufacturer chooses to use this option, the Administrator will use this driving schedule when conducting evaporative emission tests, as described in § 86.1230-96.

(b) The driver should attempt to follow the target schedule as closely as possible. The speed tolerance at any given time for these schedules, or for a driver's aid chart approved by the Administrator, are as follows:

(1) The upper limit is 4 mph (6.4 km/h) higher than the highest point on the trace within 1 second of the given time.

(2) The lower limit is 4 mph (6.4 km/h) lower than the lowest point on the trace within 1 second of the given time.

(3)(i) Speed variations greater than the tolerances (such as may occur during gear changes or braking spikes) are acceptable, provided they occur for less than 2 seconds on any occasion and are clearly documented as to the time and speed at that point of the driving schedule.

(ii) When conducted to meet the requirements of § 86.1229, up to three additional occurrences of speed vari-

ations greater than the tolerance are acceptable, provided they occur for less than 15 seconds on any occasion, and are clearly documented as to the time and speed at that point of the driving schedule.

(4) Speeds lower than those prescribed are acceptable, provided the vehicle is operated at maximum available power during such occurrences.

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§ 86.1216-90 Calibrations; frequency and overview.

(a) Calibrations shall be performed as specified in § 86.1217 through § 86.1226.

(b) At least yearly or after any maintenance which could alter background emission levels, enclosure background emission measurements shall be performed.

(c) At least monthly or after any maintenance which could alter calibration, the following calibrations and checks shall be performed:

(1) Calibrate the hydrocarbon analyzer (see § 86.1221). Certain analyzers may require more frequent calibration depending on particular equipment and uses.

(2) Calibrate the dynamometer. If the dynamometer receives a weekly performance check (and remains within calibration) the monthly calibration need not be performed (see § 86.1218).

(3) Perform a hydrocarbon retention check and calibration on the evaporative emission enclosure (see § 86.1217).

(d) At least twice annually or after any maintenance perform a methanol retention check and calibration on the evaporative emission enclosure (see § 86.1217).

(e) Calibrate the methanol analyzer as often as required by the manufacturer or as necessary according to good practice.

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§ 86.1217-90 Evaporative emission enclosure calibrations.

The calibration of the evaporative emission enclosure consists of three parts: Initial and periodic determination of enclosure background emissions (hydrocarbons and methanol); initial